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SUBJECT: IRAN: XXXXXXXXXXXX MEETS ARAB AMBASSADORS IN  
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Classified By: Minister-Counselor for Political Affairs Greg Berry, reasons 1.4 (b) and (d).

1. (S) SUMMARY: London Iran Watcher (poloff) attended a luncheon XXXXXXXXXXXX hosted by the XXXXXXXXXXXX in honor of XXXXXXXXXXXX. Also in a
2. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX welcomed the overtures of the Obama administration toward Iran, but was harshly dismissive of restarting negotiations on I
3. (S) XXXXXXXXXXXX decried the "double standard" applied to Iran and Israel's nuclear programs, asking why there were no sanctions on Israel
4. (S) When asked about the internal political situation in Iran, XXXXXXXXXXXX glossed over the conflict, asserting several times throughout
5. (S) On the formation of the new Iranian government, XXXXXXXXXXXX predicted Mottaki would be ousted as foreign minister because he is not "a
6. (S) The XXXXXXXXXXXX asked XXXXXXXXXXXX about Iranian public opinion on the Iranian government's provision of material and financial support
7. (S) Finally, in what appeared to be a response to Secretary Clinton's statements regarding the security of U.S. allies in the Middle East, XX
8. (S) The tenor of XXXXXXXXXXXX's statements in this more public environment was noticeably sharper than in a private setting. Many of XXXX